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## **NOAA's Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary Seeks Advisory Council Applicants**

NOAA's Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is seeking to fill six seats on its advisory council, which represents the public's interests in sanctuary matters and provides advice to the sanctuary superintendent.

As members of our community, the advisory council plays a vital role in the operation of our sanctuary," said Dan Howard, sanctuary superintendent. "Their input, experience and expertise assist sanctuary managers in making informed and timely decisions on how to best protect and manage our wildlife resources."

Specifically, the council's role is to provide the sanctuary superintendent with advice on the sanctuary's resource protection, research, education and outreach activities. Recently, the council has focused on climate change issues, vessel traffic, and protecting leatherback sea turtles.

The sanctuary is accepting applications for primary and alternate seats representing Fishing, Maritime Activities, and Community-at-Large (Sonoma County). Candidates will be selected based on their expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, and knowledge of the protection and management of marine resources. Applicants who are selected serve on a volunteer basis for three-year terms. The advisory council meets four times a year in daytime public sessions in Marin and Sonoma counties.

The advisory council consists of seven primary and alternate members representing a variety of public interest groups. It also includes two non-voting governmental seats representing the U.S. Coast Guard and NOAA Fisheries.

Applications are due April 15, 2010. To receive an application kit, or for further information, please contact Kaitlin Graiff, advisory council coordinator by email at [kaitlin.graiff@noaa.gov](mailto:kaitlin.graiff@noaa.gov); by phone at 415-663-0314 x105; or by mail at Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, PO Box 159, Olema, CA, 94950. Application kits can also be downloaded from the sanctuary's web site at [www.cordellbank.noaa.gov](http://www.cordellbank.noaa.gov).

Located 42 miles north of San Francisco, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary is one of 14 marine protected areas managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. Designated by Congress in 1989, the sanctuary's productive waters are a destination feeding area for local and migratory marine life. Its unique undersea topography provides the foundation for a rich and diverse marine community.

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